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REVIEW OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN FIELDS WITH WHICH THE SUB-COMMISSION HAS BEEN CONCERNED

Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Bossuyt, Mr. Chernichenko, Ms. Daes, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Fan, Mr. Fix Zamudio, Ms. Forero Ucros, Ms. Gwanmesia, Mr. Hakim, Mr. Hatano, Mr. Khalil, Mr. Khan, Mr. Lindgren Alves, Mr. Maxim, Ms. Palley, Mr. Ramadhane, and Mr. Yimer: draft resolution

Traditional practices affecting the health of women and children

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Recalling its resolutions 1991/23 of 29 August 1991 and 1993/33 of 25 August 1993,

Recalling also Commission on Human Rights decision 1994/104 of 4 March 1994, by which the Commission endorsed the recommendations of the Sub-Commission,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the second United Nations Regional Seminar on Traditional Practices affecting the Health of Women and

Children (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1994/10 and Corr.1) and in particular of the Plan of Action for the Elimination of Harmful Traditional Practices affecting the Health of Women and Children (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1994/10/Add.1 and Corr.1),

1. Expressing its appreciation to the Government of Sri Lanka for hosting the second United Nations Regional Seminar on traditional practices affecting the health of women and children at Colombo from 4 to 8 July 1994;

2. Expresses its deep appreciation to the Special Rapporteur, Ms. Halima Embarek Warzazi, for her constructive contribution to the seminar and specifically to the elaboration of the Programme of Action;

3. Adopts the Programme of Action on Traditional Practices affecting the Health of Women and Children submitted by the Special Rapporteur (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1994/10/Add.1 and Corr.1);

4. Decides to recommend that the Commission on Human Rights extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur for two more years, in order to enable her to undertake an in-depth study to assess, inter alia, the differences and the similarities between traditional practices affecting the health of women and children in many parts of the world, taking into consideration, among other relevant documents and information, the conclusions and recommendations of the two regional seminars and the effects of the implementation of the Plan of Action;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the Plan of Action to the International Conference on Population and Development, to be held in Cairo in September 1994, and to the Fourth World Conference on Women, to be held in Beijing in 1995, as well as to all competent organs and bodies of the United Nations system and to all intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned;

6. Requests the Special Rapporteur to submit her preliminary report at the forty-seventh session and her final report at the forty-eighth session of the Sub-Commission;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to provide all the assistance that the Special Rapporteur may require in the exercise of her mandate;

8. Decides to keep this item on its agenda, and recommends that the Commission on Human Rights continue to include it in its agenda also;

9. Recommends the following draft decision to the Commission on Human Rights for adoption:

"The Commission on Human Rights, noting resolution ... of ... August 1994 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, endorses the recommendations of the Sub-Commission that:

(a) The mandate of the Special Rapporteur, Ms. Halima Embarek Warzazi, be extended for two more years, in order to enable her to undertake an in-depth study to assess, inter alia, the differences and the similarities between traditional practices affecting the health of women and children in many parts of the world, taking into consideration, among other relevant documents and information, the conclusions and recommendations of the regional seminars and the effects of the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Elimination of Harmful Traditional Practices affecting the Health of Women and Children;

(b) The Special Rapporteur submit her preliminary report to the Sub-Commission at its forty-seventh session and her final report at its forty-eighth session; and

(c) The Secretary-General be requested to provide all the assistance that the Special Rapporteur may require in the exercise of her mandate;

and recommends the following draft decision to the Economic and Social Council for adoption:

'The Economic and Social Council noting Commission on Human Rights decision ... of ... March 1995 and resolution ... of ... August 1994 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, approves the Commission's endorsement of the Sub-Commission's recommendations that:

(a) The mandate of the Special Rapporteur, Ms. Halima Embarek Warzazi, be extended for two more years, in order to enable her to undertake an in-depth study to assess, inter alia, the differences and the similarities between traditional practices affecting the health of women and children in many parts of the world, taking into consideration,

among other relevant documents and information, the conclusions and recommendations of the regional seminars and the effects of the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Elimination of Harmful Traditional Practices affecting the Health of Women and Children; (b) that the Special Rapporteur be requested to submit her preliminary report to the Sub-Commission at its forty-seventh session and her final report at its forty-eighth session; and (c) that the Secretary-General be requested to provide all the assistance that the Special Rapporteur may require in the exercise of her mandate.'"